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Tuesday Night, January..... 9

W. H. WAGONER SURPRISED

By His Wife and Family Saturday Evening in Honor of his Thirty-Ninth Birthday.

Saturday evening at the home on McKee avenue, Mr. Wm. H. Wagoner was tendered a surprise party by his wife and family, the event being in honor of his thirty ninth birthday. Invitations had been issued to about fifty of Monessen's high esteemed men and about 9 o'clock thirty-six gathered at the home and took Mr. Wagoner entirely by surprise, tendering him their congratulations and presented him with the latest improved savage rifle.

The evening was spent in a very social manner, French's orchestra furnishing music for the occasion. About 11:30 the guests were escorted into the dining room, which had been beautifully decorated, where they partook of a sumptuous roast pig supper. Appropriate toasts were offered by those who gathered at the festal board. Mrs Wagner and family presented the host with a beautiful stein set in memory of the occasion. Among the guests were:

A. N. Shuster, George Williams, Albert Lewis, O. E French, Hugh Nicolay, James Nicolay, Jack Hipple, M. P. Neves, Mr. McGinnis, Fred Miller, Geo. Nash, Dr. W. H. Day, Mr. Cadwallader, Edward Bowlin, Thomas Herron, C. M. Derickson, Mr. McLain, H. N. Odbert, Samuel Robb, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Keenan, Mr. Adams, W. S. Bumbaugh, Mr. Allison, J. A. Sheetz, Mr. Watt, J. B. Wall, Mr. Russell, J. B. Johnson, Mr. Green, Dan'l. McMahon, F. H. Irwin, David Jones, Mr. Zill, Thos. Steveson and Mr. Teufel of Beaver Falls.

CATCHY NOTES.

Happenings Worthy of Mention in Brief Paragraph.

Washington's birthday, the next legal holiday, comes on Thursday Feb. 22.

The drink habit seems to be decreasing among the young men of Monessen.

The kind of winter weather we have been getting makes the ice manufacturer smile.

Those of us who burn gas for heating are not kicking about the mild weather of this winter.

The Monongahela valley is just now one of the most prosperous sections on face of the earth.—Elizabeth Herald.

West Brownsville has the promise for the location of a new glass factory for making tableware, toys, novelties, and the ruby lantern globes used by railroad companies.

The merchants of Washington, Pa. have decided to abolish trading stamps after March 1, and will reduce prices on their goods proportionately. The good work is spreading.

R. J. Gamble and Russel Scidler, of Vanvoorhis were last week the victims of an accident at the Rose ice pond about three miles from Monongahela and were afterwards forced to make a five mile sprint in the open air to get themselves into dry clothing.

Pleased Audience.

Saturday evening's attraction of Wm. V. Mong in "The Clay Baker" drew a good house, considering the weather. Mr. Mong though young in years who impersonated the old clay baker, is certainly a fine actor and won the admiration of the entire audience. The scenery was well fitted to the play, which we recommend to please nearly all theatre-goers and should Mr. Mong and his company of clever actors ever return to Monessen he is deserving of a crowded house.

Election Tuesday—Every Citizen Vote.

INTERESTING NEWS

Gathered by Our Reporters in Monessen and Vicinity.

Toile: articles—we are leaders—Lights Knocks coughs—White Pine compound—Light's.

Dr. Murray, presiding elder of this district, preached at the M. E. church last evening.

Prescriptions—take them to Light Light's Drug Store.

Those who have none should go to Cowans at once and secure a photograph of themselves.

Kirk Says—Why cough when Laxative Keytone will cure it. tf

If the best is what you want, don't fail to see Al. G. Field's Minstrel Show at the Opera House tomorrow night.

A dainty face cream that makes dainty faces is Kirk's Carnation cream, 25c a bottle. tf

Dr. Barben, Dentist—A penny saved is a penny earned, a tooth filled is a tooth saved at this office. Phone 58 L.

A foreigner was arrested this afternoon for stealing a hat from in front of Richter and Cramer's clothing store on Schoonmaker avenue.

R. S. Kelly the Donner avenue furniture dealer, left today for Chicago on business.

People from neighboring towns within a radius of fifteen miles are expected at the local opera house tomorrow night to witness the greatest minstrel show now traveling.

Kirk Says — Our tooth brushes are bristling with good points. Replaced if the bristles drop out. tf

All members of the Holy Club are requested to meet in Kelley's Hall, Wednesday afternoon 2:30 o'clock. A large attendance is requested as special business will come up for discussion.

The Al. G. Field Greater Minstrels will arrive in this city tomorrow in their two private cars "Dan Emmett" and South land". The former built like the ordinary Pullman car, is a thing of beauty and affords ample accommodation for the large company. "Southland" is a combination car with dining room and baggage department.

TO THE VOTERS OF MONESSEN.

Kindly allow me space in your valuable paper to announce my candicacy for the office of tax collector. I, the undersigned, have been a resident of Monessen since 1897 and have been a faithful and consistent worker in the Republican ranks, having been a Republican worker and voter ever since I have reached my majority.

This is the first time that I have publicly announced and asked my friends to support me for any office. If I am successful in this campaign, I assure all my friends and Republicans that I will to the best of my ability perform the duties pertaining to the office. I remain ever

A Faithful Republican
H. E. STEWART.

Great Mine Explosion

Fire works and the beautifully illustrated song "In the Spring time Gentle Annie" at the new Star theatre this week. Good warm house, admission 10c Performance begins at 7:30 o'clock and continues each half hour until 10 o'clock

The Biggest Schoolmarm.

Clinton county has the plumpest schoolmarm in the state, if not in the United States. Although but 18 years of age and short in stature she looms up magnificently in circumference. Her actual weight is 319 pounds. It is said for good and sufficient reasons the best of order prevails among her boy pupils. Imagine 319 pounds of teacher "sitting down on" a fellow!

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PLAY WAS INTERRUPTED.

Curtain Ordered Down During Third Act of Saturday Evening's Play on Account of Disorderly House.

At the local opera house Saturday evening the play was interrupted in such a way as to disgrace both the house and the community. Two men who had evidently indulged too freely in the drinking of intoxicating beverages made themselves conspicuous with ungentlemanly remarks in regards to the play A gentleman sitting by did not approve of such remarks in the presence of ladies and an argument arose, which landed the two disorderly men in the borough lockup.

Wm. V. Mong, manager of the Clay Baker" company who was playing a very hard part, was compelled to draw down the curtain in the midst of the excitement, until the men were removed, after which the performance was continued.

This is the first happening of the kind ever in the local theatre and Manager Shuster feels very much grieved as it is not only a disgrace to the house, but to the entire community. The rules and regulations of the house allow no one to enter who is under the influence of liquor, and the patrons who sat near the two disorderly men, say they were perfectly sober upon entering the house, but partook of the intoxicants between each act, unbeknown to the manager or ushers.

The hearing was to have come off yesterday morning, but was postponed until this evening, when the men will be fined to the fullest extent of the law.

Manager Shuster of the opera house wishes to state that he has always tried to conduct a good house and give the patrons the worth of their money and would consider it a great favor for all who attend the theatre to report at once to the attaches, any disorderly conduct.

Election Tuesday—Every Citizen Vote.

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"No, sir," replied young Hunter, "not a clerk, but a gentleman now. I resigned my job the moment your daughter accepted me."—Philadelphia Press.

Hardly.

Hicks—I understand somebody has discovered that there's alcohol in root beer. Wicks—Yes, but there's no fear of any old whisky drinker adopting it for a substitute.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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WEBSTER NOTES.

A. A. Perkins made a short business trip to Monessen today.

The foreman at the Budds mine purchased two new mules Saturday.

Miss Ella Sickles of Donora was in town over Sunday visiting her aunt, Mrs. Sarah Strickland.

Charles Kyle spent last evening with his parents in Belle Vernon, returning to Webster this morning.

C. F. Lash returned this morning from his home near West Newton, where he spent a few days with his parents.

Harry Overand has accepted a position running a machine at the Equitable mines. He began work Saturday evening.

Upon the resignation of James Connoley, Daniel Foster has accepted the position as foreman at the Equitable mines.

H. Lange and daughter Francis, also Miss Clara S. Lange spent yesterday in Pittsburg, where they visited Mrs. Lange at the Mercy hospital.

Carl Martin who for the past few months has been attending the Monessen Public school, handed in his books today and will remain at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Lange and infant daughter of Belle Vernon, arrived in town yesterday afternoon and remained over last night, the guest of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lange.

On Friday last the Equitable mines broke all previous records by running 545 wagons of coal. This record is one that can seldom be beat. The men worked hard and are deserving of much credit.

Election Tuesday—Every Citizen Vote.

ADOPTED RULES.

Local Republican Committee Met Saturday Evening in the Office of Shuster & Loeb.

The local Republican committee met Saturday evening in the office of Shuster & Loeb and adopted rules governing the announcement of candidates for local offices at the spring primaries January 20. There were present Irwin, Shuster, Dunkle, Nale, Black, Bearer, New and Schuck.

It was moved that announcements be made through the secretaries of the ward committees and that January 16 be the last day upon which announcements may be made The fees adopted were, burgess $3. for each ward; justice of the peace $3. council, $2, School director $2; tax collector, $3 ; constable $2. ; inspector and judge of election, gratis

The secretary of the first ward committee is H. J Bearer; second ward, C. L Schuck; and third ward, E J Dunkle. Announcements made to these secretaries must be accompanied by the fees.

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Modern Greek Fire.

"Marine torches" are the direct descendants of the Greek fire of the ancients, though the modern torch is used for defense rather than offense and prevents the surprise of a fleet through the silent approach of an enemy.

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The Great Amazon River.

In South as in North America nature does her work on the grand scale, and one of her noblest achievements is the Amazon river. Rising in the Andes, it flows across the continent and discharges into the Atlantic ocean at the equator. The vastness of the area which it drains, amounting to 2,369,000 square miles, will be evident when it is borne in mind that this is more than the area of Russia in Europe and Austria-Hungary. It has a length of nearly 4,000 miles, is navigable for 2,300 miles from the sea and is fed by numerous streams, which in any other country would be ranked as great rivers. In the wet season, which lasts for about eight months, its width varies from five miles to 100. No wonder the Amazon has been called a gigantic reservoir rather than a river.

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Irving's Stagecraft.

It chanced to me once, and only once, in a life of some faring by land and sea to ride up a Kurdish gorge at early dawn, the sky still starry, as the charcoal burners had begun their work, and to see over all as the smoke rose a gray blue light as of the depths, some touch of deep chilled enveloping air on gorge and mountain side, as though a sapphire had aged and grown gray and wan. Once only I saw this and never again. When in "Faust" the curtain rose on the Brocken I saw before me the same miracle of gray blue. "How did you," I asked once at supper, "who ride abroad so little and are so rarely on the mountain side, hit on this, the rarest of lights?" "Once," and he took up a small plate, "I saw in a gallery," and he named it, but I have forgotten, "a landscape by Durer the size of this plate, a mountain side in early morn in this same gray blue light. It gave me the light I wanted for the Brocken."—Talcott Williams in Atlantic

Two Different Matters.

"I cannot understand, sir, why you permit your daughter to sue me for breach of promise. You remember that you were bitterly opposed to our engagement because I wasn't good enough for her and would disgrace the family."

"Young man, that was sentiment, this is business."

Selecting Judges.

Dr. Franklin thought that judges ought to be appointed by lawyers, for added the shrewd man, in Scotland, where this practice prevails, they always select the ablest member of the profession in order to get rid of him and share his practice among themselves.

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MOURNING CUSTOMS.

Origin of the Widow's Cap and Black Sleeve Bands.

The customs of mourning as practiced in various parts of the world seem at first sight to have little relation with each other or with the inward grief which they are supposed to typify. Yet by the exercise of a little patience many resemblances may be discovered among them. The widow's cap, for example, dates back to the days of ancient Egypt. Egyptian men shaved the beard and head as a token of mourning. The women, instead of cutting off the hair, concealed it by a close cap. The Romans, who were as a race clean shaven, shaved the head in mourning and wore a wig.

The black band on the sleeve as a sign of mourning comes to us from the days of chivalry. The lady tied a scarf or napkin, as the handkerchief was called, about the arm of her knight. If he was killed in battle she wore the band in memory of him.

Black has so long been the color of grief in Anglo-Saxon countries that it seems a part of the upside down civilization of the east that Japan and China wear white. But no longer ago than the time of Elizabeth the unfortunate Mary of Scotland wore white on the death of Darnley. Even now the hearse used for children is white, and in England the mourners at funerals of young unmarried persons wear hatbands and sashes of white.

A queer English custom is that of decorating the black hearse horses with long false black tails. They attract no more notice on a street in Liverpool than do the black nets used in this country to cover the horses.

A great many sensible people protest that wearing tokens of mourning is a barbaric custom that should be abolished or greatly modified, but when loss and grief actually come into the individual life one discovers that there is a strange, subtle fitness in gloomy garments and that they answer to the need of the soul for silence and separation.

ODD DERIVATIONS.

Curious History of the Word "Vote." How "Reticule" Got Its Name.

"Vote" is a word with a curious history. To the Roman a "votum" was a solemn promise made to a deity. From the solemn promise itself the meaning of "votum" gradually became the prayer or intense wish that accompanied the promise and then any intense wish whatever. So far the development proceeded in Latin, and "vote" passed into English with the same sense. When Ben Jonson wrote of "public votes" to heaven he meant not mass meeting resolutions, but prayers. Finally "vote" acquired its present meaning, the formal and emphatic expression of a wish, while the old sense remains with its double "vow."

That openwork bag for shopping, called a reticule, gets its name directly from the Latin "reticulum," "little net." Popularly, however, the word is supposed to owe its existence to the fact that when an Englishwoman visited the first Paris exhibition with her little bag in her hand the Parisians cried "Ridicule!" The Englishwoman, misunderstanding the exclamation, is said to have thought it the correct translation of "little bag" and returned to England calling it a "reticule."

Philologists claim that the phrase to "sleep like a top" comes from the French "dormir comme une taupe," to sleep like a mole. It is said, too, that Cinderella's slippers were not made of glass, but of "vair," the old French word for ermine, which in time became corrupted into "verre," glass.—Chicago News.

The Beaver's Tooth.

No carpenter's chisel can do more effective work than is turned out with ease and neatness by the beaver's tooth. This is the principal tool with which these patient, clever builders construct their dams. The outer surface of the tooth is a scale of very hard enamel, while the body of it is of softer dentine. As the softer substance wears away in use the end of the tooth takes a chisel-like bevel, leaving a thin, slightly projecting edge of hard enamel as sharp as any carpenter's tool fresh from the oilstone. The thin scale of enamel gives keenness, the softer dentine supplies strength, and thus the combination forms a formidable tool, which actually sharpens itself by use.

A Queer Festival.

A queer festival is celebrated in Malacca every ten or twelve years The opening of the festival is signalized by a grand procession, in which huge piles of eatables take a large share. At the end of the third day the viands are burned. On the last occasion the piles of food were placed in a specially constructed boat which was towed out to sea and there consumed by fire, together with all the contents. A large sum of money, amounting to several thousands of dollars, was subscribed, largely in Singapore, for the proper observance of the festival.

The Point of View.

"Henry, if I were a young man like you and expected to have to make my own way in the world some day I should try to make my expenses come within my income."

"Father, if I were as rich as you are and had only one son I'd try to bring his income up to his expenses."—Chicago Tribune.

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A certain druggist who does not like to answer night calls, especially as he has found by experience that he offends people who call him up at night by his displeased abrupt manner, has devised a scheme by which he does not have to get up and at the same time does not lose customers. In his own words he works it this way:

"I disconnect my bell so that it can not ring. After waiting a reasonable time the person who wants to get in gives it up as a bad job and goes down the street to the next store This man opens for him, but is naturally very much displeased, and, as I usually do, he shows that he is disgruntled and offends the customer. Early the next morning the customer calls at my store to inform me that my bell is out of order and tells me what a low opinion he has of the other druggist, whom he considers a very impolite man." New York Times.

Ancient Cups.

The cups of the Assyrians closely resembled our saucers. Every nobleman and gentleman had his own cup and cup bearer, the latter of whom always accompanied him to a feast, carrying before him the cup of gold, silver, crystal or marble, which his master only used on state occasions. Saucers for cups were introduced in the latter part of the eighteenth century and at first were greatly ridiculed, the persons who employed them being said not to be able to drink without having two cups.

The Unkindest Cut.

"Is it true that your father is so angry with you that he even refuses to speak to you?"

"Why, he won't recognize me at all. He is so angry that the last time we met he even cut my allowance."—Baltimore American.

Her Version of It.

"But didn't you promise when we were married that I should smoke in the house whenever I pleased?"

"Yes, but you never please by smoking in the house. You displease—me."

I have also seen the world and after long experience have discovered that ennui is our greatest enemy and remunerative labor our most lasting friend. —Justus Moser.

Her Vocation.

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MUGGERTON

[Original.]

I was sitt. . in my editorial den preparing mat.. for the Sunday edition when a big muscular fellow who looked like a prize fighter came in and asked for employment. I feared that his real intention was to rob me and dallied with him.

"Any experience?" I asked.

"Lots. I worked three weeks on the D—— Bee. That's after I left college, a month ago."

At mention of college I started.

"Any creative faculty?"

"You bet! I can fling off a story any time."

"I'm thinking of running a short story every Sunday. Sit down there and let me see what you can do."

He took a seat at a vacant reporter's desk and wrote this story:

"The nineteenth century was just twenty-five years old. It was the winter season. By the wayside stood a hotel, with a barroom just off the office. The landlord was absent, and his daughter, a beautiful girl of eighteen, sat sewing behind the counter. The door opened, and a young man, a regular stalwart, walked up to the counter and registered. He wrote in a fine round hand, 'Dick Tutt, Central City, Colo.'"

I paused and looked at the author. In 1825 the Rocky mountains where Central City is located had probably never seen a white man.

"'I'm a cowboy, I am,' said Mr. Tutt, sweeping the floor with his broad brim. 'I won $700 at faro off the boys punchin' cows around "Central," and I've come east to blow it in.'

"As he spoke he drew a bead on the girl with his eagle eye and brought her down like an antelope. Taking a key off a rack, she handed it to him, and he was about to go upstairs when a party came in smoking 'long nines' and took possession of the big stove in the center of the room. Mr. Tutt paused and watched them. They soon got to kicking up a row, and the girl started for the telephone to call the police."

"You've made a slight mistake," I remarked to the author. "The telephone was invented half a century after the date of your story."

He glared and ground his teeth like a lion poked with a long stick, and I went on reading.

"Mr Tutt walked up to the lady and said:

"'If you want these galoots tumbled out I reckon I can do the job.'

"'No, sir,' replied the girl softly; 'we never allow any shooting in this house.'

"'Shootin'!' exclaimed the gentleman. 'What do I need of a gun with such muscle?' And, rolling up his sleeve, he showed a biceps that measured a good twenty inches.

"Without waiting for permission he sidled up to the man making the most noise and, straightening his crooked arm, sent the fellow sailing like an ice boat along the floor till he brought up against the baseboard. Mr. Tutt then turned and faced the rest of the gang. It happened that Kid Mahone was in the crowd, at that time training for a fight with Pat McCracken. He stepped to the front, and a ring was formed. The kid was a featherweight with fancy fist training, and the cowboy was strong as a bull buffalo. While the kid was dancing around the cowboy broke his guard, got a clutch on him and, raising him in the air, threw him into the next room.

"This ended the fight. The gang picked up the unconscious kid and ran him out, for they didn't know but the police might come in any minute.

"'How can I ever thank you enough?' remarked the young lady, going back to her sewing machine behind the counter."

Again I paused to think. My recollection was that the sewing machine did not come into use before 1850.

"At that moment the old man walked in.

"'Father,' said the girl, 'here's a guest from the wild and woolly west. A gang of rowdies came in a few minutes ago and made a disturbance. The gentleman cleaned them out.'

"'My friend,' said the landlord, 'what can I do for you? "Anything in this house is none too good for Riley," quoting a popular song.'

"'Stranger,' said the cowboy, 'you've got only one thing I want, your daughter.'

"'I'd rather part with my new Colt's pistol or my typewriting machine, but if she's willing you have my consent.'

"When they were married the cowboy wore a woolen shirt, corduroy trousers, boots and spurs. The bride wore white muslin."

Having finished the story, I looked up at the author.

"Did you take a full course in college?" I asked.

"Well, no. I was brought in for a special when the varsity team went into training for the annual football game. I left college just before the examination."

"I see. You are"—

"Muggerton."

"The tackle that laid everybody out opposed to your college last season?"

"The same."

"Why did you place the scene of your story so far back as to time?"

"Well, you see, I ain't up to what's going on, and by the looks of you I thought you might not be either, so I set it back where the mistakes would not be noticed."

"You've made a blunder on every line. How would you like to run a page of sports?"

"Bully!"

"Very well. I'll start you in at $30 a week." BARTON WILLIAMSON.

A Burglar's Story

[Original.]

"Ever done anything good, pard?"

"Dunno," removing a cuddy pipe. "I onct beat the state for another person."

"How did y' do it?"

"Got a tip that an old miser livin' at 79 P street had a fine lot o' swag in his chimbley. Them miser duffers is jist the kind I likes to handle, seein' their money don't do 'em nor nobody else no good, 'n's better in circulation. I goes to 79 'n finds it a trap. I only had to shake the back door to open up, 'n went into the kitchen. There wasn't nothin' there but an old cook stove, a chair 'n a few cookin' pans hangin' on the wall. If it hadn't been a miser's place, I'd 'a' went away. I drops my boots, 'n with my lantern in my left hand 'n my gun in my right—them misers 'll die for their money—mounted the stairs, what didn't have no carpet on to 'em. I got halfway up, when I heered the softest leetle voice say:

"'Mamma.'

"'Y' didn't never hear a child call to its mother in the middle of the night, did y'? Waal, it's jist like a voice comin' outen the blessed regions the minister used to talk about when I was a boy.

"'I want a drink o' water,' the little thing said. I heered the mother git up. I s'pected them kind o' people didn't have no water upstairs 'n that she'd come right down. But she didn't. She went to the winder, I 'spect, 'n must 'a' got some water, for the next I heered was a child drinkin' with the noise they makes—sort o' gulpin' it down—'n the mother said:

"'There, go to sleep, sweetheart.' And instead o' sayin' it like one o' us she said it like a lady. I knowed she was a lady, got run down.

"There wasn't much to this, but it happened in the middle o' the night, and, you know, at that time things is impressin', specially a revolver muzzle at a feller's ear, and I couldn't git the little un's soft voice outen my mind, nor the mother's, neither. Anyway, somep'n rattled me, for I stepped back, then up, not knowin' which way to go, and the stairs creaked.

"'Mamma,' said the little voice, 'did you hear that noise?'

"'No, darlin'. Go to sleep; there was no noise.'

"'Is it a burglar?'

"'No, of course not.'

"'What is a burglar?'

"'A man who takes things from other people. Now go to sleep.'

"But the child insisted on its mother goin' to see what the noise was about, so she got up and stood a moment at the head o' the stairs. The little un must 'a' rattled me terrible, 'cause in puttin' my lantern under my coat I let out a ray o' light. The woman saw it. In the coolest way in the world she said:

"'You are welcome to anything you can find here. Heaven knows if there were anything in the house that I could pawn for a breakfast for my little one I would pawn it.'

"'Madam,' I said, bringin' out the light, 'do you and your child live here alone?'

"'Yes.'

"'No old man?'

"'No.'

"I believed her and, biddin' her good night, went outen the house the same way I come in. The next day I learned from the feller as put me on to the miser business that in layin' down the number he intended to make it 19, but his bloomin' figures was so bad that I tuk his 1 for a 7.

"I couldn't git the soft voice of the child outen my ears somehow, nor the pale, sufferin' face of its mother as she stood there at the head o' the stairs lighted by my lantern. I'd had a big streak o' luck lately, and it was about time I got run in ag'in. It wasn't long before the cops had me cornered, and I knew it was a matter of a few days before they'd git me. Course when they got me it meant at least another ten years' time. What 'ud I do with the plunder I had on hand? There was two ways come up to me how to use it. One was to lessen my time by givin' it up to the owners, the other to hand it over to the woman with the child.

"Waal, I made up my mind to give it to her. I turned it all into cash. I knowed if I left it with her without a deceivin' story as to her comin' by it honestly she'd try and find the owner. I went to her house the night before I was tuk, lifted the kitchen h'arth and put the swag under. In the mornin' I posted a letter to her tellin' her that onct a miser lived in that house and had left a heap o' stuff under the kitchen h'arth. He was dead long ago and hadn't got no relations.

"I hadn't more'n got the letter posted before a cop put his hand on my shoulder."

The narrator paused to relight his pipe, that had gone out.

"They offered to knock five years off'n my time," he resumed, "if I'd tell where to find the stuff, but it wouldn't done me no good anyway. Twenty years was same as fifteen to me. Besides, I broke jail in three."

"Did the woman find the swag?"

"'Spect she did. I met her on the street one day with a boy about seven years old. She was well dressed, and so was the kid. I followed her home to a nice little house, and when the door shut on 'em I felt kind o' lonely. A man at a corner grocery said there was a story that she'd come into a little money. She'd been a bang up lady onct, but her husband had died busted. After that I hung around the door to see 'em ag'in, but a cop ordered me off." F. A. MITCHEL.

BETEL NUT CHEWING.

It Is the National Diversion of the Siamese People.

Betel nut chewing is the national diversion of the Siamese. Every one from high to low is addicted to the habit, and preparation of the quid for those too poor to own ingredients and boxes is in every town quite a business of itself. In the smallest settlements one sees peddlers squatting before their trays of little boxes holding lime and seeds of tobacco and packages of syrah, or green betel leaf. The betel tree is among the most common in Siam, sending up a trunk sometimes full sixty feet, always, like the cocoanut, limbless except for its bunch of a top, where, again like the cocoanut the nuts grow in closely attached bunches, to harden and redden before gathered.

The cardamom seed, or clove, is an extra of the well to do and especially of the women. The common habit among men of the country is to add a pinch of tobacco after first rubbing it over their gums. The bright red saliva from chewing is, in the town house, carefully deposited in a handsome silver receptacle. In the up country house slits between the open bamboo flooring obviate the necessity for such niceties. But always on formal occasion, even in the jungle edge, the betel nut chewer carries his box for the freely flowing juice that stains the teeth a deep red, which among the better class with care and attention becomes a highly polished black.

And this is true even of Siam's most enlightened classes, whom contact with the outside world appears not to win from the betel nut and discolored teeth. In Bangkok I talked with one of royal blood and his wife, both of whom had lived several years in England, yet the teeth of each were black as ebony, and the woman frankly expressed her disgust at the white teeth of foreigners. Dogs and other four footed animals, she declared, have white teeth. Blessed is contentment!—Outing.

PYTHONS AS PETS.

According to Dr. Mann, They Are Perfectly Harmless.

Dr. Mann, an enthusiastic lover of snakes, contributes to a recent English volume a letter which goes to show that the larger kinds of these creatures "may have far more character and emotion than they are generally credited with.

"My present boa," he writes, "always sleeps in my bed around my feet. He is perfectly clean, lies still and very seldom disturbs me. Occasionally he crawls to my face to lick it. I frequently take a python to bed, but at present she is timid, and if she cannot find my feet crawls out of the bed and curls herself on the floor.

"I do not myself believe that any python or boa is savage, but they are dreadfully timid, especially from the ill treatment they receive when first caught and the misery and terror they endure on the voyage. There is another thing: They have no eyelids and on being suddenly uncovered and dragged forth to the light suffer from the glare very acutely. It is best, therefore, to hide their heads in your hand or under your coat.

"Handle them often and give them water, pressing their heads gently into it. I feed my boas frequently from my hand, but the last time I offered a python a guinea pig the prey escaped, and the python took in the whole of my hand instead. He soon discovered his mistake and was greatly distressed, rubbed his head against my hand and seemed to fear some sort of punishment.

"Since that time I have had great difficulty in persuading him to eat unless I nurse him or take him to bed, when he will lie the whole night with his head in my hand."

Pets That Cannot Walk.

In oriental countries it is customary to have valuable fish as household pets, in the same way as we have cats and dogs, and in almost every house in Japan one can find jars containing some fine specimens. Japanese nobles have large aequaria, in which are to be found species of odd and curious fish that have been bred and cultivated for the last 500 years and more. In China the paradise fish is a good example of the result of careful cultivation, for it is nowhere found in a wild state and is remarkable for its colors, which surpass in beauty those of any other fish extant. Another household pet is the Chinese comet goldfish, which is equipped with immense caudal fins that spread out like sails when the creature is swimming.

Put on the Brake.

If the people about you are carrying on their business or their benevolence at a pace which drains the life out of you, resolutely take a slower pace; be called a laggard, make less money, accomplish less work than they, but be what you were meant to be and can be. You have your natural limit of power as much as an engine—ten horsepower, of twenty, or a hundred. You are fit to do certain kinds of work, and you need a certain kind and amount of fuel and a certain kind of handling.—George S. Merriam.

The Best Guide to Reading.

Of all the gifts an older brother or sister can confer upon a younger child none can compare with the taste for good reading. It is an easy matter for the elder to bring the right book to the little reader at the right time, and no lasting benefit can be given with so little effort. See that you are able to act as a wise guide when the little brother's or sister's hand is put so confidingly in yours.—St. Nicholas.

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For Brownsville and intermediate stations 6:30, 8:04, 9:58, a. m., 12:36, 2.52, 5:07, 8:58, p m, 11:15 night week days. Sundays 8:16, 11:25 a. m., 3:02, 6 51, 11:10 p. m.

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